

KAROECHO

Executive Board Meeting January 2019

Howdy is working on the Harding Clubhouse access, and Don is working as his assistant, as we went through something similar with Tassajara Park. Now that KaroEcho is a sponsored agency, things should flow easier (fingers crossed).

We need to let EC Parks and Rec know our needs and establish a method of facilitation. We might have to do this in person and set up a meeting with Chris Jones or his assistant. We need to arrange for the following six events:

- Indoor location for the after-SET debriefing and celebration on Feb 23
- Ken Fowler technician class in El Cerrito Tues. or Wed. around April - June, hopefully co-sponsored by KaroEcho.
 - This was approved by the city for Arlington Park. Wednesday evenings for a couple of months. We can bring up the co-sponsorship at the Monday meeting, though perhaps unnecessary if the board is ok with it. Perhaps best to simply announce it. Jamuel pointed out that we should support anyone who wants to teach and encourage additional hams. We should assist with publicity as much as we can.
- Access to Tassajara Park as Mike wants to install a lockable metal cabinet to house the radio and power supply.
- Location and date for GMRS/FRS practicum for CERT (hopefully in February).

Future events

- The monthly meetings on 2nd Mondays (probably at Arlington Clubhouse)
 - Beginning February or March, this is reserved through 12/31.
- HamCram and exam (probably in late Spring or Summer)
 - We'll still shoot for this. Not unlike CERT boot camp; can encourage people to study further. We'd do a good amount of publicity in EC and Kensington.

Other items

- Funding - starting to collect dues. Announce plan at the meeting regarding the following items.
- Start collecting dues on Monday. Make checks out to KaroEcho.
- a PO Box - We don't have to wait to become a nonprofit prior to acquiring this, even if it costs more, per Don. Will cost ~\$130. If needed, Don will help with this -- but perhaps can be paid with dues.
- EIN number for the bank account? Free through irs.gov. We could also use an SSN, but not necessary. There's no reason to do this, though; EINs are easy to obtain.
- Reimburse Larry upon collecting dues. We need both the PO Box and the bank account to get started.
- A bank account will be established upon obtaining the EIN. Some three people from the club should be signatories on the account. Natalie, Larry, and Hal will be

signatories.

- We need funding to become a 501(c)(3). People could even deduct mileage and other expenses as volunteers for the nonprofit. This is for people who itemize; given the tax reform, this will benefit fewer people. Even if the federal benefit has been eliminated, though, it may still be a state deduction if you itemize.
- Getting full set of volunteers for the Feb SET.
 - Four people volunteered tonight during the NET. Now 14 volunteers. There are usually a couple of dropouts, though. 20 volunteers would be good.
 - Ken Nagle (CERT KEN2 Coordinator) implies that he will provide one of his hams for the SET. Don does not know any hams in Ken2, but will gladly assume that Larry will provide; which reduces our need to provide one more operator. Hal will talk to him to firm this up. Don pointed out that we're going to do this SET without the participation of CERT and work on passing traffic, determine who can hear what, etc. But if they can't provide a radio person to man their CERT areas, Hal would like to appoint one for the SET. He wants them to understand that if they don't have a radio, we'll get one to them so they can talk to the EOC and other CERT areas. Don would rather not supply equipment without a request from them.
- There was a huge increase in participation once a regular newsletter was established. Last newsletter was in November. Hal will check in with Rob, but thinks that Monday's news will be good to incorporate into the next newsletter. If no newsletter is forthcoming, perhaps we could send out the meeting agenda to the mailing list.
- GMRS/FRS training at Arlington Clubhouse: Don could do this a week after the SET if K6GSE (Glenn Epperson) can't do it. Would be for all of EC/Kensington; the last one was just for EC9. Hal endorses the idea. Karen and Jay are running a GMRS effort and they could come to the February or March meeting to tell us about the Richmond effort. Don's idea is to provide this radio training for CERT folks, although hams are also welcome.
- CERT ACs are having their meeting on Tuesday. New CERT chief will be there, and we should talk to the CERT ACs about their Spring SET. If anyone has anything they want to bring up, Tuesday is the opportunity.
- Don brought up the possibility of an Independent Citizens' Advisory Board for disaster preparedness in EC. Hal suggested talking to Marlene about this. There are chain of command issues [missed this]. Local emergency plans exist but are scheduled for updating, so this might be a good time to get involved. Don will talk to City Council members to find out reporting structure for such a board or commission.

Agenda for Monday

- Ken Fowler's technician class & co-sponsorship
- Access capability to EC sites
- Funding and to-dos
- SET for February: Don will lead
- Training: Jay Fenton (?) wants to present a battery life exercise. How long batteries

will last in an emergency situation. 10 minutes.

- Don's training session. 30 minutes. It will be a surprise! SRD = Secret Restricted Data.